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Committee Bill No. 923

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING COST SAVINGS THROUGH ADOPTION OF
HIGH PERFORMANCE ENERGY EFFICIENT GREEN BUILDING
STANDARDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, any new construction of a facility that
3 is projected to cost not less than one million dollars, for which not less
4 than twenty-five per cent of the costs are financed with state funds,
5 shall comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (b)
6 of this section. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
7 in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Works, may exempt
8 any building from the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,
9 provided they both find, in a written analysis, that the cost of
10 compliance with subsection (b) of this section significantly outweighs
11 the benefits. For purposes of this section, "facility" means any building,
12 including, but not limited to, a state-financed housing project or a
13 building that is used or intended to be used as a school.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Secretary of the Office of
15 Policy and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of

16 Public Works and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
17 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
18 54 of the general statutes, that are consistent with or exceed the silver
19 building rating of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental
20 Design's rating system for new commercial construction and major
21 renovation projects, as established by the United States Green Building
22 Council, or an equivalent standard, and thereafter update such
23 regulations as the secretary deems necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require certain state-financed construction projects to meet or exceed the silver building rating of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design's rating system for new commercial construction and major renovation projects, or an equivalent standard.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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